















## HOWARD'S LETTER.

The Imported "Poppycockisms" of Europe

Take the Philosopher Lose Some of His Ordinary Serenity,

and Fall Afoul of Secretary Bayard's Official Regrets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The incident of the week show very clearly the drift of today's society. One part of it consists of aristocratic dandies, another chaffing against what it is pleased to call the oppressions of capital, and a third laughing, with undisguised amusement, at the one, and regarding, with unfeigned terror, the other. Death is a terrible thing under any circumstances, yet we are so happily constituted, by all wise-providence, that the death of men who are strong to us, and whose grief is natural and proper. It is absurd, however, to suppose that a whole people can ever feel sorrow for the death of a man whom they don't know, unless it be one whose rounded benevolence and ceaseless humanitarianism made him a brother to every mortal on the face of the earth.

And the Crown Prince Rudolph died at a little place near Baden, on Wednesday, whereupon Mr. Bayard, our secretary of State, cabled to the United States minister in Vienna, "Express, through appropriate channel, the deep sorrow of the President and the people of the United States, by reason of the great bereavement suffered by his Maestly and the people of Austria-Hungary, in the death of the crown prince." Presently came word, Mr. Bayard thought it necessary to fear, that the United States minister would be sent to express any communication whatever, through an inappropriate channel, it would be difficult to explain, and what under heaven he means by asserting that either the President or the people of the United States are plunged into a depth of sorrow, by reason of this bereavement, no person in the world can tell. Personal politeness is one thing; decorous formality is another, but such an utter traverse of common sense as is made by my old friend Bayard, in this instance, must be seen and only parallel.

Of the 60,000,000 of people credited to the United States, it is fat to say that 58,000,000 never heard of the Crown Prince Rudolph, and of the 2,000,000 who may have heard of him, it is not a reasonable assumption that each will give him credit for intelligence, or for his position, his past, or even accurately define his rank. That would be a very large estimate that 5000 people in the United States know anything whatever about the man, or care anything about him. Now it was perfectly proper, in accordance with usage that the United States should express regret at this bereavement. I don't intentionally, at any time, seek to lead the reader into a quagmire of unfairness.

That, in the Cant of the Day, Won't Pay.

A teacher's strong point should be a common sense foundation. An old man's sentence, purely perfunctory, entirely formal, would have been the proper paper, and this good old Mr. Howard's letter would have made a learned plug-ugly, had it been explained to him. Now, I am not going into the old realm of Mrs. Jones' tea, that's done. Mrs. Jones is welcome to her tea. I am going to show you a new wrinkle which struck my funny bump very hard some time ago when I read, "Mrs. Astor intends giving a series of state dinners." That the president of the United States, or even a governor, can give what would be perfectly proper, a state dinner, is a sine qua non. A state dinner implies a certain distinction, governmental as well as social. And when I think of the feeling of the people of the United States, but more than that, it is a suggestion of the tendency of certain classes, in our community today, to admire and hope for the coming of the titular monarchs of people beyond the sea.

Prove it?

Certainly. I will find you not alone in the little pietorinon society publications, but the significant journals of the metropolis, social and political, and day out, but, if you will, if the President of the United States were to invite Colonel Taylor of THE BOSTON GLOBE, Major Holme of THE GLOBE's litigant, and their conferees of the Advertiser, the Traveller, the Transcript, the Times, the Gazette—and what a jolly group that would be!—to be sure, gather about them, and have a dinner, and then either, intent on evil, during all the still hours of the darkened night, why are they here? Why out upon the streets in broad daylight, with their hats off, and their coats off? Because it's because they're dangerous people?" Because an opportunity has presented itself for trouble, for disgrace, for law-breaking, for robbery, for house-burnings, for murders on the streets.

There were sober-faced and discreet. There was very little drunkenness. Duncedness? Yes.

But we form these bands that follow in the train of 5000 or 6000 men? Who are these toughs? Who are those pale-faced, sharp-eyed, jerky-mannered young Philadelphia, from Albany and Buffalo, from Chicago and Pittsburg? They are the dangerous elements of society, wild, burly, hardy, and impudent, and rather than either, intent on evil, during all the still hours of the darkened night, why are they here?

Then in another day Ireland aided their champion in a tall, slender young trooper: he had proved to be, and all of a sudden it had been proved to be,

an International Affairs.

By the terms of the race it was to be known as the international race for gentle- men riders. A dash of a mile and so yards (so that the ladies' start might have full benefit of both the start and finish) Prize, the Metra rie whip—gold mounted. The club to furnish the horses from the racers of the clubs present, and there were to be no entry fees. The first rider to cross the first meeting said to me was by Governor Heber: "Why won't you ride against these foreign cavalrymen? And in that way I can get the change, and bring in the little while the story came out, and, turning to my chief—himself—an enthusiastic old cavalry officer and horseman—I asked him, "What do you think about the gauntlet?" For some time there were no takers. Then it was offered to allow seven pounds to any gentleman who would ride against the gauntlet, to carry seven pounds dead weight on their race saddles—a heavy penalty. Still no takers, and then there began to be a forest scene of the middle aged.

Prosecuting Attorney M. Tchell of Indianapolis emphatically denies that anything has ever been said to him by representatives of the press, or to him personally, to the effect that he was to be held responsible for having to pay, or any one else, evincing any desire to have Defaulter Moore prosecuted.

Superintendent Murray of New York notified the commissioners in Boston that O'Brien chief of the bureau of elections of the police force, was wanted for other swindling operations there and in New York, has been arrested.

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